Dear Jim, 9/28/75

As I remember it you told me that there had been approval on Post Mortem all the way up to Hefner.

Considering his battle with the feds this baffled me.

I have just heard from an L.A. reporter friend what may or may not be relevant but perhaps Jeff and others might want to know. If it is relevant it may be of value to them to have it in mind for the future.

A nincompoop names Steve Jaffe, who has become some kind of agent and p.r. man, appears to have been able to work his way close to Hefner.

I know Jaffe from when he was a movies major at UCLA, a Lane sycophant who was for this reason planted on Garrison as a volunteer worker. (A wealthy father, a surgeon, kept him going.) I made the big mistake of saving Jaffe's ass several time when he did indiscrete things. Later I learned of the unconscionable and unprincipled. Some of Garrison's people saw to it that I knew.

In every sense he was a disaster. And a moocher. He conned Garrison into sending him to Europe to bring back the alleged evidentiary backstopping of the French spook book - SDECE's - Farewell America. (There is reason to suspect CIA involvement in it.) He came back with absilutely nothing. He took a girl friend, ran up an enormous bill that others want without for it to be paid, and used the two months of paid vacation to film the French student riots of that year.

The last time I saw Steve he was with the French spook calling himself both Herve Lamarre and James Hepburn. I picked them up that morning, wasted all the time I could getting "lost" as I drove them around New Orleans so that Garrison could not make a bigger jackass of himself with them. I knew what plane they had to make, had their luggage in the trunk of the car I had, and when they were exposed and had to flee I had to chase after them to get them got their things.

Jaffe is a professional asskisser. He is also Dick Gregory's flack - and what a disaster he has been as that!

He lacks native ability. He substitutes abject servility, a lack of scruple and coattailing. He is a nothing and not a nice one.

If he is at all close to Hefner he could be a very bad influence and would from his past be the kind of man who would misuse this influence for personal reason, including favors against Hefner's interest that would advance his relationship with and ability to get what he wants from others.

If your friend Silliphant has any good connections with 20th Century-Fox I coul d use them now-fast- and to 20th. Century's benefit. CBS fairly clearly is off on a pretty large ripoff. Examples besides the fake suit they just lost in Memphis they have not been in touch with me on the JFK assassination. I heard from someone at 20th Century a week ago and was told one Andrew Salt would be in touch. No word since. I'd like to sell them what of my rights to my work they want. They need it. They are producing the ABC special on assassinations.

If Jaffe is of interest to Geof I've enough samples on file.

Excuse the haste. I'm rushing the book to manufacture. Also, I've not gotten the checks Geof said had been sent. Bureaucracy?

Best,